GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CHEAPER FOODGRAINS FOR APL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the damage to crops due to recent hailstroms and heavy rainfall, the Government proposes to provide subsidised/ cheap wheat and rice to Above Poverty Line (APL) card holders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps being contemplated to provide relief to APL families?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): Government of India has been pro- viding foodgrains to Above Poverty Line (APL) families @ 15-35 kg. per family per month in the States/Union Territories (UTs) where Nati- onal Food Security Act (NFSA) has not been implemented so far. For the year 2015-16, Government has allocated 18.17 lakh tons of additional foodgrains for such families upto 30.09.2015 or till implementation of NFSA in the State/UT.

As per the existing policy, Government of India provides additional foodgrains to States/UTs for distribution to people affected by natural ca- lamities at Minimum Support Price (MSP) for wheat and MSP derived price for rice on receipt of requests from the affected States/UTs.